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Sens. Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.) and Richard Burr (R-N.C.) announced Wednesday that they would be co-chairing a new caucus focused on military families.

According to a press release, the group will aim to "improve programs and services for military families" and will address issues like healthcare, child care, education and "the effects of multiple deployments on the mental health and well-being of spouses, caregivers and children."

Its other members are Sens. Daniel Akaka (D-Hawaii), Max Baucus (D-Mont.), Mark Begich (D-Alaska), Michael Bennet (D-Colo.), Scott Brown (R-Mass.), Roland Burris (D-Ill.), Bob Casey Jr. (D-Pa.), Kay Hagan (D-N.C.), Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Texas), Johnny Isakson (R-Ga.), John Kerry (D-Mass.), Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.), Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.), Joe Lieberman (I-Conn.), Patty Murray (D-Wash.), Ben Nelson (D-Neb.), Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) and Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.).

The House Military Family Caucus was formed in November 2009, and is co-chaired by Reps. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-Wash.), whose husband is a Navy veteran, and Sanford Bishop Jr. (D-Ga.).